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# HOW TO MAKE HER DELICIOUS

SORRY TO BE ABRUPT
BUT MY LIFE IS

"LA VIE EN ROSE".

SQUEAK
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I LIVED A LONELY RUM S LIFE ALL THROUGHOUT MY FRESHMAN YEAR IN HIGH SCHOOL
I LOVE YOU, YUMIKO
ATSUSHI...
MY GIRL-FRIEND YUMIKO IS...
WHEN MY SOPHOMORE YEAR BEGAN HOWEVER I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO SCORE A GIRLFRIEND

SHE S EVEN GOOD AT SEX
AND EVEN GOOD AT SEX
CUTE AND SWEET
WITH INSIS-TENCE
SHE'S EVEN GOOD AT SEX. (REPEAT)
LIVING ALONE IN MY OWN CRIB MEANS I CAN HAVE AS MUCH SEX AS I WANT
AND SO I M DOING IT AS MUCH AS I WANT

LET ME SAY IT AGAIN MY LIFE IS "LA VIE EN ROSE"!!
BWAHAHAHAHAHA
MMM--, IT'S DELICIOUS
BON APPETITI
POOF
POOF
YUP! BIG TIME!

MEETING AND HAVING YUMIKO IN MY LIFE MEANS...
ATSUSHI..
WE TALK ABOUT MEANINGLESS THINGS TOGETHER
WE KISS,
YOU HAVE A PIECE OF RICE.
RIGHT HERE.
AND WE HAVE SEX
HAVING SEX MAKES US HUNGRY,
I'LL TAKE IT OFF FOR YOU
Smooch
OKAY
SO WE EAT TOGETHER
MY LIFE'S REALLY AWESOME!
YOUR APPLES ARE SO CUTE WITH THEIR RABBIT EARS!
I LOVE IT WHEN YOU CUT APPLES LIKE THIS
BUT SHE'S ALSO LIKE THIS

MY LIFE WOULD'VE BEEN EVEN MORE AWESOME.
OH, WELL. THAT'S ME.
AH HA HA
AH HA HA
I THINK YOU'RE SO TALENTED AT COOKING, ATSUSHI.
IF I WASN'T THE ONE TO COOK FOR US ALL THE TIME.
CHEESE STUFFED CHICKEN BREAST! So YUMMY...
I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS GIRL COOK
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
HA...
CLAP
THANK YOU FOR THE MEAL.
BUT STILL...
FOR A GUY TO WANT HIS GIRLFRIEND'S HOME COOKED MEALS IS ONLY NATURAL.
I'VE HINTED AT HER COOKING, BUT SHE'D JUST BEAT AROUND THE BUSH..
MOUTHS COOL!

IT WAS REALLY DELICIOUS
REALLY? RE.
HEH
YEAH! MAKE IT FOR ME AGAIN
OH YEAH~ YOU JUST LEAVE IT TO ME!
BUT BECAUSE SHE ENJOYS MY FOOD SO MUCH,

I STILL WOULD LIKE HER TO COOK FOR ME THOUGH
YOSHIDA KUN
AT LEAST ONCE
ANCIENT TEXTS
I END UP THINKING SO WHAT?
WHOA!
TADA! WANNA TRY THIS?
HUH?
RIGHT
I'LL EAT IT
GO AHEAD EAT UP
IT'S PRETTY GOOD.
WE HAD HOME ECONOMICS CLASS JUST NOW.
AND A GIRL WAS ABSENT
So we had one left over.
WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?
IT LOOKS SO YUMMY!
WHOAAH

ATSUSHI
GRIN
SO SOMETHING LIKE THIS CAN HAPPEN!
DID YOU PRACTICE COOKING?
YUMIKO!
SHE'S HERE!!
TA-DA!
WHOA!
WHOAAH--!
I'LL SHARE IT WITH YOU, ATSUSHI
GOOD, THIS MAY BE HER FIRST COOKING EVER!

IT LOOKS SO GOOD!
RIGHT?
CH-
EW
WHAT THE HELL. HAS SHE BEEN HIDING HER RAW TALENT ALL THIS TIME?!
THAT GIRL YOSHIJAWA SURE KNOWS HOW TO COOK~~~
IT TASTES GOOD TOO!
EXCEL-LENT!
I KNOW, RIGHT?!

ME?
UM.
WHAT ABOUT YOU?
YEAH. SHE'S IN MY CLASS.
SHE MADE MOST OF THAT DISH SINGLE-HANDEDLY.
YOSHI-JAWA?
YOU KNOW I CAN'T COOK.
I WAS IN CHARGE OF DOING THE DISHES AS USUAL, OF COURSE.
HA...
I CAN'T EVEN LAUGH.
YEAH
AH HA HA HA HA
I SEE.

DING DONG DANG
HAGIMATSU RUN IN SOPHOMORE CLASS PLEASE REPORT TO THE MUSIC ROOM IMMEDIATELY.
OH
!?
EVERYONE'S LEFT FOR THE CLUB MEETING ALREADY
YOSHIDA--THE CLUB ACTIVITY
OH, THIS?
WHAT'S THAT IN YOUR HAND?
AH, THAT'S RIGHT!
YEAH--VALENTINE'S IS NEXT WEEK.
V-DAY?
I THINK SHE'S SUPPOSED TO BE PRETTY GOOD AT BAKING
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A V-DAY SAMPLE CHOCOLATE FROM HOME EC CLASS
SOME GIRL IN MY CLASS GAVE IT TO ME.

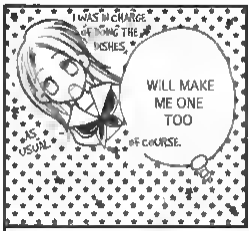
ON VALENTINES DAY SEND YOUR LOVE

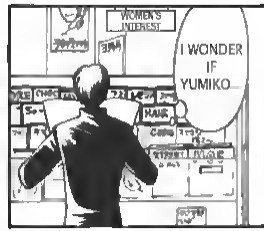
IN A GIGANTIC CHOCOLATE

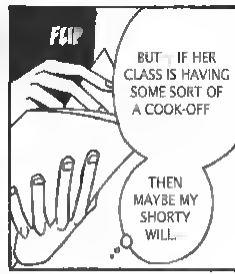
PATISSIER KANA'S SPECIAL RECIPES—

- PAIN AUX CHOCOLAT P40
- CLASSIC CHOCOLAT P42

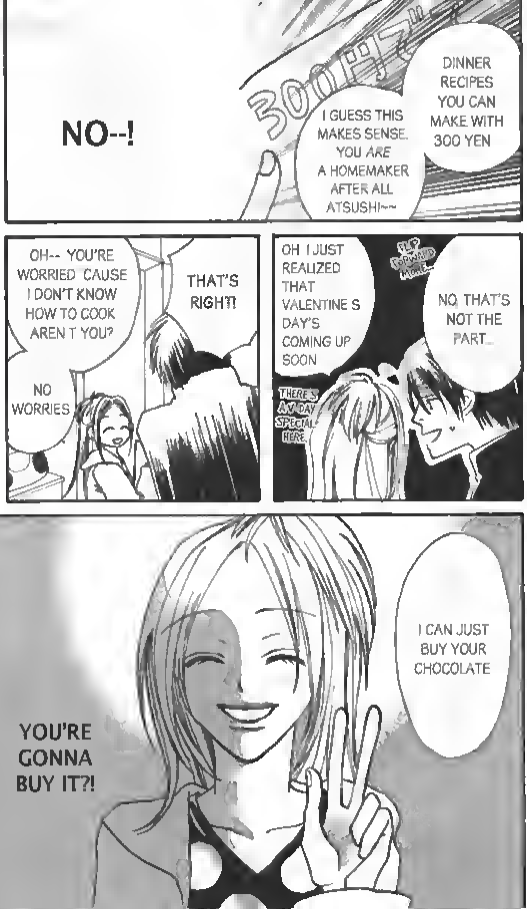
SO IT'S VALENTINE'S DAY. HUH





OH--
WOW--, YOU STOPPED BY AT THE BOOKSTORE, HUH?
HEY.
YOU'RE BACK
THAT'S THE VALENTINE'S DAY SPECIAL YOU'RE MOCKING!
HUH--? WHAT THE... "LEMON PAGE"?
YEAH-- THAT'S GOOD INTEREST IS GOOD
WHY DID YOU BUY SOMETHING SO OFF?
LEMON PAGE EMERGENCY COOKING!
HUH?
WHAT DID YOU GET? LET ME SEE.
GOOD FLIP 3 MORE PAGES!
WOW I DIDN'T KNOW YOU READ THIS KINDA STUFF, ATSUSHI
OKAY, LET'S SEE.
HURRY UP AND START WANTING TO COOK THOSE DISHES FOR ME!!


NO--!
300円ゲット!!
DINNER RECIPES YOU CAN MAKE WITH 300 YEN
I GUESS THIS MAKES SENSE. YOU ARE A HOMEMAKER AFTER ALL ATSUSHI~~
THAT'S RIGHT!
OH-- YOU'RE WORRIED CAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW TO COOK AREN'T YOU?
NO WORRIES
OH I JUST REALIZED THAT VALENTINE'S DAY'S COMING UP SOON
FLIP
THERE'S A V-DAY SPECIAL HERE
NO THAT'S NOT THE PART...
I CAN JUST BUY YOUR CHOCOLATE
YOU'RE GONNA BUY IT?!

I WANNA MAKE ONE FOR YOU..
BUT I'M JUST NOT GOOD AT COOKING
YEAH
THE TRUTH IS
YOU'RE GONNA BUY IT FOR ME?
I REALLY SUCK, THOUGH!
POISON SPREADS FAST
MY COOKING'S SO BAD THAT THE CAT THAT TASTED IT WAS TORMENTED FOR 3 WHOLE NIGHTS AND DAYS
IN SMALL DOSES YA KNOW!
ABOUT THAT KINDA THING!!
HUH? I DON'T CARE AT ALL...
IF I MAKE SOMETHING FOR YOU YOU'LL HAVE TO FINISH THE WHOLE THING EVEN IF IT DOESN'T TASTE GOOD
I DON'T WANNA DO SUCH A CRUEL THING TO YOU
AWww
3 NIGHTS AND DAYS?
BESIDES
I WANNA GIVE SOMETHING TASTY TO SOMEONE I LOVE.

DON T WORRY! I'M GONNA GET YOU SOMETHING REAL TASTY
I'D STILL LIKE IT IF YOU MADE SOMETHING FOR ME.
I DON'T WANNA MAKE YOU FEEL FORCED TO SAY MY FOOD IS GOOD... EITHER.
YUMIKO
YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO IT
WELL I GUESS THAT'S THAT
YUMIKO
THAT, I DON'T NEED
KWAA!A
A CHOCOLATE THAT LOOKS LIKE A SET OF BREASTS, OR SOMETHING.

PH...
EW
JUST CAN'T TAKE "LEMON PAGE" LIGHTLY!
I'M A REAL GENIUS!
EXTRAORDINARY DESIGN!!

To Atsushi
KEUK!
I WROTE IT WRONG!
I SWITCHED "T" AND "S"!!
LET'S JUST GIVE UP ON GETTING IT FROM YUMIKO.
I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING WRONG IN ME MAKING SOME CHOCOLATE FOR YUMIKO
HUH?
I DON'T CARE IF YUMIKO GIVES ME A STORE-BOUGHT CHOCOLATE.
I WONDER WHICH KIND SHE'LL GET FOR ME.
ARGH!
THERE'S NO MORE CHOCOLATE BARS LEFT TO USE
SIGH
I'LL PUT A NEW ONE ON BEFORE SHE COMES BACK.
THIS GOES OUT- THE TRASH CAN
I GUESS I'LL FIX THIS TOMORROW.

GOOD!
AND TODAY IS...
FINALLY VALENTINE'S DAY!
PSHOOP
SCHOOL UNIFORM LOOKIN' GOOD
I'M SMELLIN' GOOD
FABULOUS
MUSTACHE LOOKIN' GOOD
SPLENDID
HAIR LOOKIN' GOOD
YUP! YUP!
YUMIKO
POOF
ATSUSHI..
FACE LOOKIN' GOOD
oH, YEAH!
SCRAP
DING DONG!

POOF
ATSUSHI,
YUMIKO ..!
I DIDN'T DO A GOOD JOB, BUT
YUMIKO ...?
ACTUALLY I MADE YOUR CHOCOLATE YESTERDAY
KAPWINNG
GOTTA RUN! I'M OFF TO SCHOOL FIRST!
SHOOT! I FORGOT THAT I WAS ON CLEANING DUTY YESTERDAY.
CHOCOLATE
Poof
Poof
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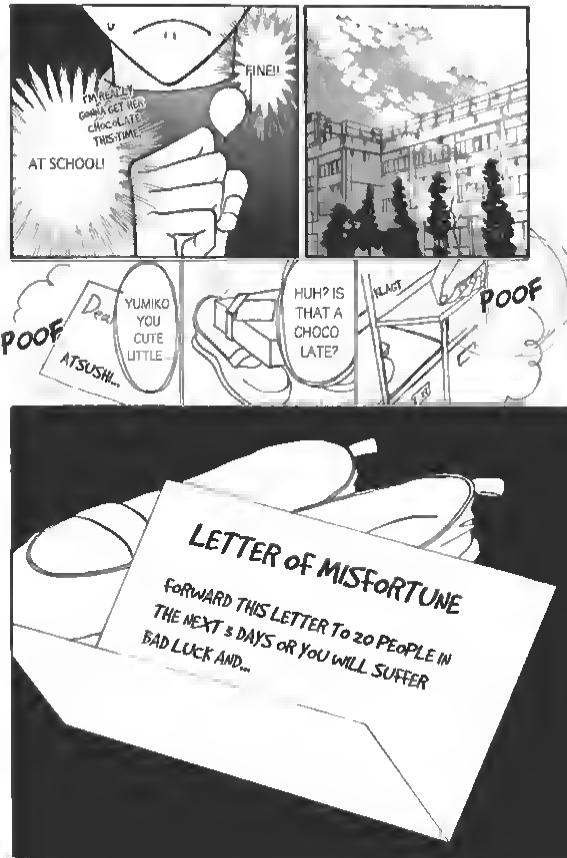
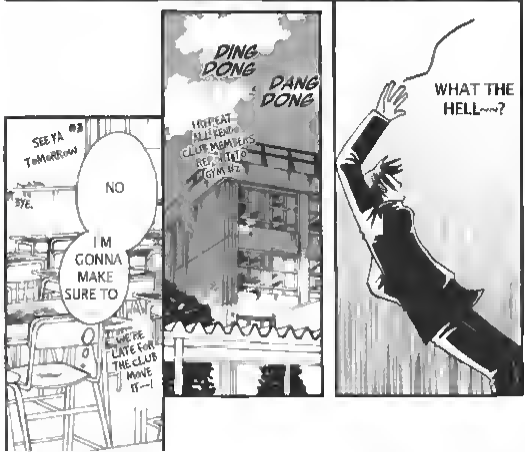

AT SCHOOL!
I'M REALLY GONNA GET HER CHOCOLATE THIS TIME.
FINE!!
POOF
Dear
ATSUSHI...
YUMIKO YOU CUTE LITTLE
HUH? IS THAT A CHOCO LATE?
KLAST
POOF
LETTER OF MISFORTUNE
FORWARD THIS LETTER TO 20 PEOPLE IN THE NEXT 3 DAYS OR YOU WILL SUFFER BAD LUCK AND...

NO NO...
YEAH, IT MUST BE IN THE CLASSROOM
THUD
WHAT'S WITH THE SUICIDAL LOOK?
ARRGH
YO, YOSHIDA
RUSTLE
CHOCO LATE...
?
OH, YUMIKO'S
Poof
RRUMBLE
WHOA--! YOU'RE THE MAN, YOSHIDA.
I'M JEALOUS.
.....

BUT
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT LITTLE DOING?
I'M GLAD I GOT A LOT OF CHOCOLATE
YIKES
LUNCH!!
IT'S ALREADY LUNCH TIME
DING DONG
DANG DONG
I STILL DIDN'T GET ONE FROM YUMIKO
ATSUSHI
Pout...
I MADE BOTH OF THEM
HERE'S YOUR CHOCOLATE AND LUNCH
TA-DA!
YUMIKO
ATSUSHI
Pout...
CAN YOU LEND ME JUST ¥0 YEN?

HUH?

WHA
I WANT SOMETHING FROM THE VENDING MACHINE BUT I ONLY HAVE 50 YEN
YUMIKO..


DING DONG
DANG DONG
I REPEAT ALL FEMALE CLUB MEMBERS REPORT TO GYM #2
WHAT THE HELL~~?
SEE YA TOMORROW
BYE.
NO
I'M GONNA MAKE SURE TO
WE'RE LATE FOR THE CLUB MOVE IT~~!

POOF
ATSUSHI
IT S ONLY THE NATURAL THING TO DO
RESURRECTED
I M SURE SHE LL GIVE ME THE CHOCOLATE AFTER SCHOOL
DUMMY..
POOF
I COULDN'T GIVE IT TO YOU IN FRONT OF EVERYONE IT WAS JUST TOO EMBAR RASSING
YUMIKO
HERE.

YOSHIDA..
TICK TOK
TICK TOK
TICK TOK
TICK TOK

OKAY
DRRK
I'M GONNA LOCK THE DOORS
WHAT'S THIS?!
DAMN~!
CLANG
HRN?
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, WE'RE PRACTICALLY LIVING TOGETHER. THAT MEANS
WAIT
I
I ENDED UP NOT GETTING ANYTHING FROM HER!
I ONLY GOT ALL THIS CHOCOLATE FROM OTHER GIRLS
THAT LITTLE. SHE SAID I SHOULD LOOK FORWARD TO IT
FULL

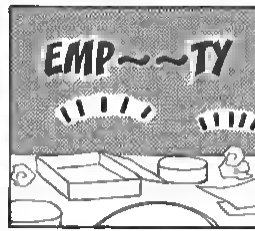
KLIK
KAPWHING!
WHAT THE THAT'S IT!!
YUMIKO
AND YOUR CHOCOLATE
WELCOME HOME ATSUSHI
I'VE PREPARED DINNER FOR YOU
POOF
MAKE ME SOME FOOD
WELCOME HOME, ATSUSHI

SHLICK
DAMN IT-
NOT REALLY!
SHHFT
SHHFT
SHHFT
WHAT'S WRONG ATSUSHI? ARE YOU UPSET?
WHY DO I HAVE TO COOK EVEN ON THIS SPECIAL DAY?
WHAT RE YOU COOKING? WHAT'S ON THE MENU?
SHUT IT!
CHICKEN AND MUSHROOM HOTPOT!
SHLICK
SHLICK
I GUESS SHE'S JUST NOT GONNA GIVE ME ANY CHOCOLATE AT ALL.
OH, WOW!
THE HOTPOTS YOU MAKE ARE SO GOOD, ATSUSHI!

SO WHAT?
OKAY!
EH
IT'LL BE DONE IN A FEW
I'M SURE YUMIKO LL LOVE IT
HRN?
WHAT'S THIS SWEET SMELL...
HANDMADE CAKE
YEAH, WE LL EAT MY CHOCOLATE CAKE AFTER DINNER
HUH?
THAT'S...!!
YUMIKO!!
CHEW CHEW

BUT GIRLS LOOK CUTE WHEN THEY RE A LITTLE CHUBBY
YOU KNOW YOU'RE BOUND TO GET FAT IF YOU EAT TOO MUCH SWEETS AND YOU TURN OUT REAL UNSIGHTLY
WHEN DID YOU...
THAT'S ALL THE CHOCOLATE I RECEIVED YOU'RE SCARFING DOWN!
SO, I'LL EAT 'EM ALL UP FOR YOU
CHEW
HAA--?!
CHEW
CHEW
CHEW
GIVE ME MY CHOCOLATE!!
SHUT
YOU HAVE ME, ATSUSHI
YOU DON'T NEED SOME OBJECT UKE CHOCOLATE TO BE HAPPY
THAT'S TRUE, BUT

WHEW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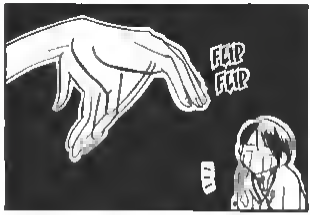
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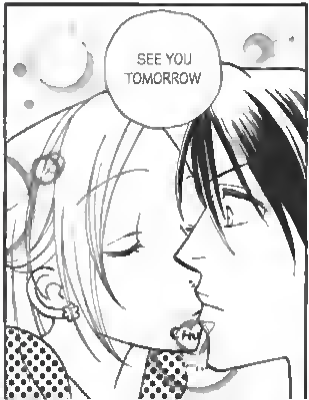
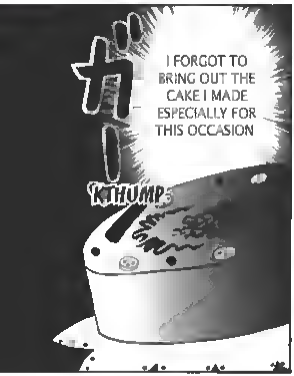

SEE YOU TOMORROW

OKAY THEN I'M STUFFED, SO I SHOULD GO HOME NOW
I MEAN...
WHERE THE HECK IS MY CHOCOLATE -?!

GET MY CHOCOLATE...
GOOD NIGHT!
I DIDN'T...


I FORGOT TO BRING OUT THE CAKE I MADE ESPECIALLY FOR THIS OCCASION
KTHUMP

THERE'S NOT EVEN ONE PIECE LEFT
DUH
EMPTY
SHOOT!

PLOP

DIDN'T GET TO EAT A SINGLE PIECE OF CHOCOLATE
GLOOMY
?
WELL
I HEARD YOU RULED YESTERDAY YOSHIDA
HUH?
OH YEAH
YUMIKO DIDN T GIVE ME ANY CHOCOLATE AND SHE ATE UP ALL THE CHOCOLATE I GOT FROM OTHER GIRLS
I CAN'T STAND VALENTINE'S DAY OR WHATEVER THE HELL IT IS ANYMORE
FOR GET THIS
YOSHIDA, PAY ATTEN-TION!
ONTO THE NEXT PAGE, YOSHIDA
AAH, I FEEL SO BLUE
WHO THE HELL AM I BEING LOVED BY?

YUMIKO'S HERE?
OH.
KLIK
SILENT
YUMIKO?
I'M HOME, YUMIKO.
WELL THEN WE SHOULD FINALLY EAT THE CAKE TODAY.
WHAT THE...?

OH...
THE CAKE.
ATSU-
SHI...
WHAT THE..
SO, YOU
SAW IT
I WANTED
TO SURPRISE
HER...
PISH

?
HUH?
WERE YOU PLANNING ON KEEPING IT A SECRET FROM ME?
WHY?!
IT'S FINE..
BUT..
WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHY?
?!
SNIFFLE
SNIFF
FROM W
WHOA
LOOK, YUMI—
HUH?

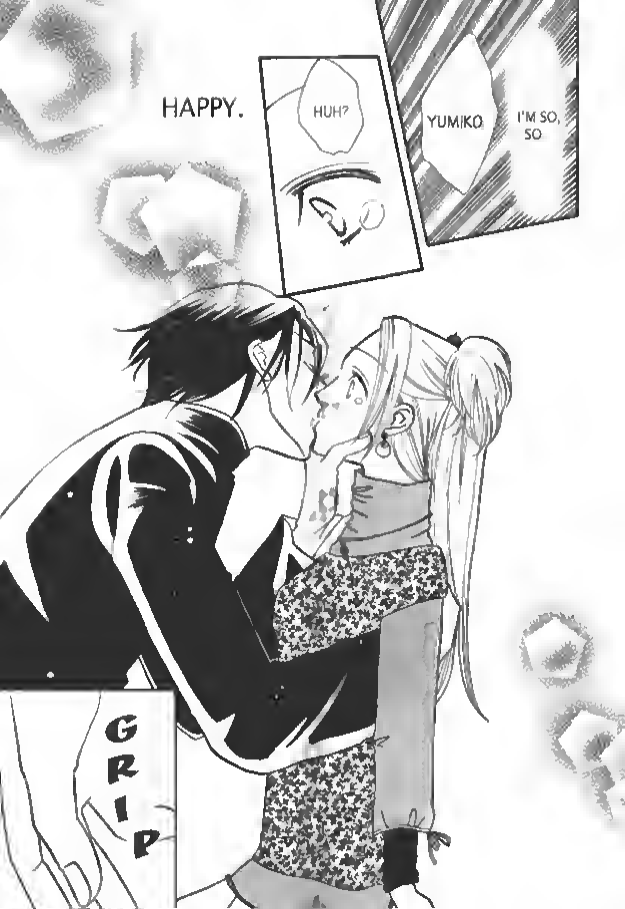
POW
WHO DID YOU GET THIS FROM~~~?
I CAN'T MAKE CAKES THIS PRETTY
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?
HRN?
WHAT IS THIS?
JUST 'CAUSE SHE CAN MAKE SOME BEAUTIFUL CAKES, YOU-
BUT ATSUSHI YOU'RE.

OH, IS SHE JEALOUS?
'CAUSE SHE GOT IT ALL MIXED UP?
YOU'RE MY
MAN
THIS ISN'T FAIR!
'CAUSE I WORKED HARD, TOO!
I WORKED MY BUTT OFF BUT IT STILL DIDN'T WORK WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO?
I STILL WANTED TO MAKE YOU SOMETHING
SO I TRIED IT ONCE AGAIN I KNOW IT'S A DAY LATE

AND I KNOW I COULDN'T MAKE IT...
AS *PRETTY* AS THAT CAKE BUT...
WHAT..?

EE--ACK!

WAIT A SECOND
BUT I REALLY PUT A LOT INTO IT
IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?
OH, MAN...
WELL, I MIGHT NOT HAVE MADE IT AS PRETTY AS THAT CAKE.
I'M SO HAPPY.
A PIECE OF RAG?
IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE A PIECE OF RAG, BUT I WORKED MY BUTT OFF
OH, MAN...
OH, MAN...
BUT STILL...
I MADE IT 'CAUSE I WANTED TO GIVE IT TO YOU
WAHH--


HAPPY.
HUH?
YUMIKO.
I'M SO, SO
GRIP

GEN--
TLY
HERE,
IT'S
READY
HUH?
THIS
miko
ushi
EHHK--?!

I MADE THIS FOR US
'CAUSE I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T MAKING ANYTHING FOR ME
OH THEN
THIS CAKE WAS
IT TURNS OUT I DO GET SOMETHING FROM YOU, AFTER ALL.
CAN I OPEN YOURS?
YEAH..
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A PIECE OF RAW...

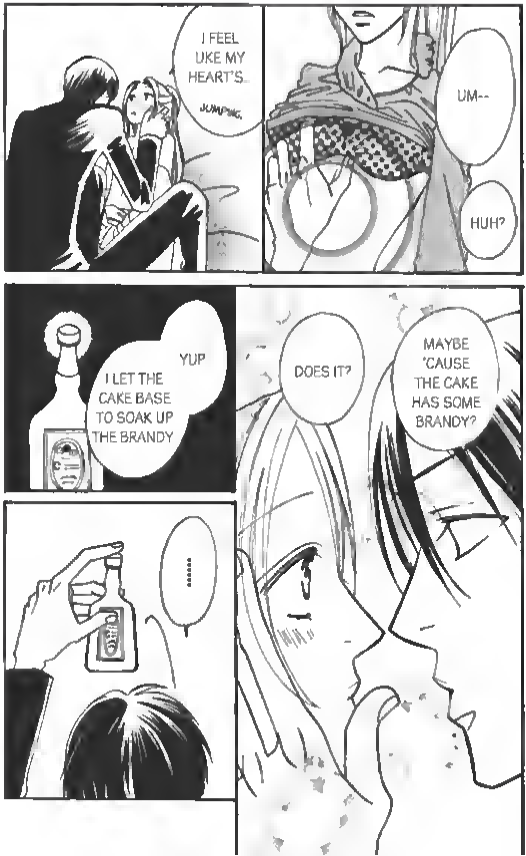
THESE ARE..
WOW!
SPOT ON!
LUCKY!
TRUFFLES?
ARE THEY?
You're amazing.
How did you guess?
RICE CAKES?
I'M HAPPY
SHARON
SORRY I SUCK AT BAKING
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I'M HAPPY
THAT YOU MADE 'EM FOR ME YUMIKO
I'M VERY HAPPY
...FOR REAL?
FOR REAL!

OKAY, THEN
HERE I--
CHOMP
GO!
IS IT GOOD?
WHAT THE HELL DID SHE PUT IN THESE?

I WISH I KNEW HOW TO COOK LIKE YOU
YOUR CAKE IS SO PRETTY ATSUSHI
YEAH
REALLY?!
WANT ME TO TEACH YOU?
A CAKE LIKE THIS ONE IS A PIECE OF CAKE TO MAKE.
IT TASTES GOOD, TOO
HERE, TRY IT

YUMMY
IT'S REALLY
YEAH
CHEW
THE BASE IS GOOD, TOO


I FEEL LIKE MY HEART'S... JUMPING.
UM--
HUH?
YUP I LET THE CAKE BASE TO SOAK UP THE BRANDY
.....
DOES IT?
MAYBE 'CAUSE THE CAKE HAS SOME BRANDY?

DRRRR
EEP!
THAT'S COLD
WHAT ARE YOU ?
?
I'M ADDING SOME FLAVOR TO YOU
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT'S ALRIGHT
I'LL BE DRUNK OFF OF YOU
YOU'RE GONNA GET DRUNK.
DON'T GET DRUNK, THOUGH
SMELLS LIKE ALCOHOL

WHAT YA SAY?
THAT'S SO CORNY
I'LL PUT SOME DECORATIONS ON YOU, AND THEN EAT YOU UP
RIGHT HERE?
STOP COMPLAINING YOU RE SUPPOSED TO BE A CAKE

YUMIKO...
DUMMY...
Growl?
!?
バターン
BATH-ROOM
KNUD
SINCE THEN, I TAUGHT YUMIKO HOW TO BAKE CAKES

AND NOW SHE CAN FINALLY MAKE EDIBLE DISHES
BOM
HER COOKING SKILLS PROGRESSED LITTLE BY LITTLE FROM THOSE HUGE RICE CAKES
IT LOOKS YUMMY.
WOW!
I SHOULD BE ABLE TO WHIP UP SOMETHING REAL YUMMY FOR YOU ON WHITE DAY
I'M IMPRESSED
THAT'S A DEAL!

WELL, EVEN SO
YOU'RE THE MOST DELICIOUS DISH, YUMIKO
WHITE DAY
"SOSHI HERE... I MADE YOU SOMETHING"
I PUT IN A LOT OF EFFORT, BUT...
MAYBE TOO MUCH EFFORT?
I NEVER TAUGHT YOU HOW TO MAKE A CRAZY THING LIKE THAT!

END

# 20TH BIRTHDAY

THERE IS SOMEONE I LOVE
YURINO
YEAH
MASUMI
WE HAVE BEEN TOGETHER SINCE WE WERE LITTLE.
I AM NOW ALL ALONE WITHOUT A FAMILY,

OH
PISH!
.....
SHIIN
BUT I'M NOT LONELY
BECAUSE I HAVE MASUMI
YES, MA'AM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SLACKING OFF ALL THE WAY OVER HERE?
MA-SUMI
SURE THING
AND CLEAN UP THE CORNER ROOM
WILL DO
GET THE CAR READY WE NEED TO GO SHOPPING
I'M SORRY
MA-SUMI
MA-SUMI?
OH, RIGHT
DOESN'T LADY YURINO KNOW ABOUT IT?
DUBDUB

THERE'S SOMETHING THAT SHE
YIKES
KNOW WHAT?
THAT'S A BIG PROBLEM
LADY YURINO
NO. NEVER MIND
GO ON. GO GET THE CAR
MASUMI IS A HIRED HAND AT OUR HOME.
HE'S MY ONE AND ONLY
YES MA'AM

AM I THAT UNATTRACTIVE?
DUMMY...
MASUMI
PRECIOUS LOVER
THAT'S WHAT I THINK OF HIM
.....
KISSES ME
MAYBE HE JUST THINKS OF ME AS A LITTLE GIRL, AND NOT AS A LOVER.
BUT HE WON'T BE WITH ME
BUT THEN AGAIN, HOW COULD HE BE THAT WAY WITH A LITTLE GIRL

EVEN THOUGH HE GIVES ME SUCH PASSIONATE KISSES...

THAT MEANS I'M GONNA BE THE OFFICIAL OWNER OF THIS HOUSE.
SO..UM..
YEAH.. YOU KNOW THAT I'M TURNING 20 SOON
AGAIN?
A BLIND DATE?
CAN'T BELIEVE A SIMPLETON LIKE YOU IS GONNA BE THE OWNER OF THIS WHOLE PLACE.
ARGH, YOU ..I
I MEAN
THEY'RE TELLING YOU TO GET MARRIED?
YEAH
I DON'T THINK THEY'RE JUST SAYING IT
WELL, I GUESS THERE S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT
THROB
SEE? HE DOESN'T EVEN TRY TO STOP ME

MASUMI?
UGH..
WHAM!
MA SUMI?
WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT? YOU'RE THE OWNER AND I'M JUST A FARMHAND.
GRIP
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT

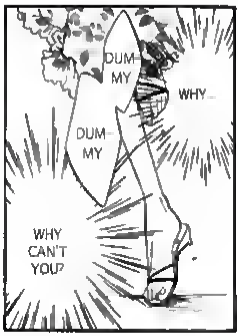
OR BECOME ANOTHER MAN'S POSSESSION
IS HE ANGRY?
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT, EVEN IF YOU MARRY SOME OTHER GUY
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT, OKAY?!

I LIED
I'M SORRY
GRAB
NOT WITH THAT HEARTBREAKING VOICE
WE REALLY SHOULD TELL EVERYBODY ABOUT US
DON'T CALL ME WITH THAT CRACKED VOICE
YURINO..

THE FIRE THAT ROBBED ME OF MY PARENTS WAS AN ARSON
I'D BE LUCKY IF I DON'T GET KICKED OUT OF HERE.
WHY NOT?
NO!
THEY HAD A STRONG CONVICTION THAT THE FIRE WAS AN INSIDER'S DOING
BUT...
EVEN THOUGH, THE CULPRIT WASN'T CAPTURED
YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE FIRE 14 YEARS AGO, HAVE YOU?
SINCE THAT INCIDENT...
DON'T MAKE THAT KIND OF FACE
ANY PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN THE OWNER AND OUR HIRED HANDS WAS PROHIBITED BY UNSPOKEN WORDS
MASUMI
IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'VE DECLARED IT AS A LAW THAT YOU GET MARRIED
I WILL PROTECT YOU

Lick
TAKE ME.
HUH--?
UM MA-SUMI..
GRIP

NO
DUMMY!
WHAM


DUM-
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WHY
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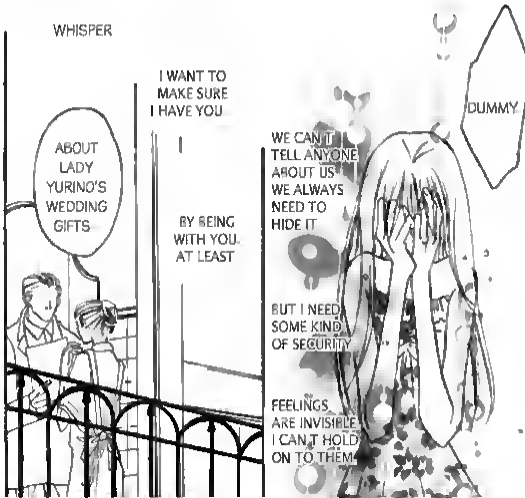

WHISPER
I WANT TO
MAKE SURE
I HAVE YOU
ABOUT
LADY
YURINO'S
WEDDING
GIFTS
BY BEING
WITH YOU.
AT LEAST
WE CAN'T
TELL ANYONE
ABOUT US
WE ALWAYS
NEED TO
HIDE IT
BUT I NEED
SOME KIND
OF SECURITY
FEELINGS
ARE INVISIBLE
I CAN'T HOLD
ON TO THEM
DUMMY

HUH?
THEIR ARRANGED DATE IS 3 DAYS FROM TODAY YES?
IF SO DON T YOU THINK PREPARING THE WEDDING GIFTS IS A BIT TOO SOON?
IT'S FINE THE DATE IS ONLY A FORMALITY
ALL THE GIFTS HAVE BEEN HAND-PICKED AND
IT'S TOO LATE TO TAKE THINGS BACK
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
LADY YURINO
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY WEDDING GIFTS?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN THEY'VE HAND-PICKED?
TRUTH IS...
WHAM

MA-SUMI!
THE TRUTH IS... YOUR FAMILY OWES AN ENORMOUS DEBT.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
MASU-MI--!
HUFF
HUFF
IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT HIS PROPOSAL, YOU WILL HAVE TO SURRENDER THIS HOUSE AND WHATEVER IS LEFT OF YOUR ESTATE...
YURINO
MA-SUMI
YURINO
WHAT'S GOING ON?
MA SUMI
AT THIS RATE THE DEBT WILL...
BUT THIS WEALTHY MAN FOUND YOU TO BE TO HIS LIKING AND
PLEASE TRY TO UNDER-STAND, M LADY

THAT IS THE ONLY WAY YOU CAN PROTECT YOUR HIRED HANDS
YURI-NO?
WHAT ARE YOU..
PLEASE.
TAKE ME.
I CAN PROTECT YOU WITH MY LIFE IF I CAN JUST FEEL THAT EVERYTHING IS OKAY.
YURINO?
IF I CAN BE SURE THAT I'M YOURS MASUMI
I'LL PROTECT YOU, MASUMI
PLEASE.
HUH?
THAT IS ALSO THE WAY TO PROTECT MASUMI
THE BOY YOU GET ALONG WITH AS YOUR OWN BROTHER

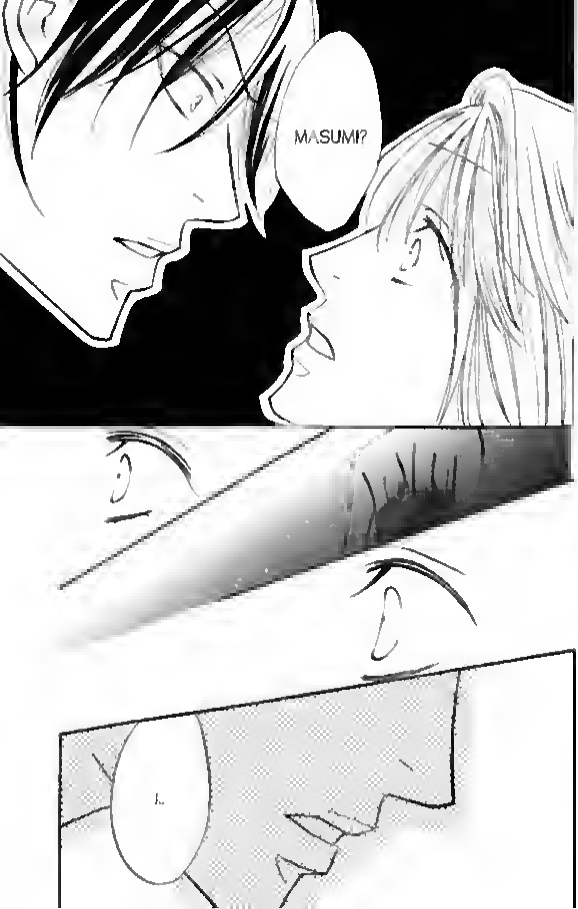
I'M
READY
YURINO?
RELAX.
LUBDUB

AHH...
AHH..
Lick
I WON"T EAT YOU UP
NO..
MASU..
DOES IT HURT?

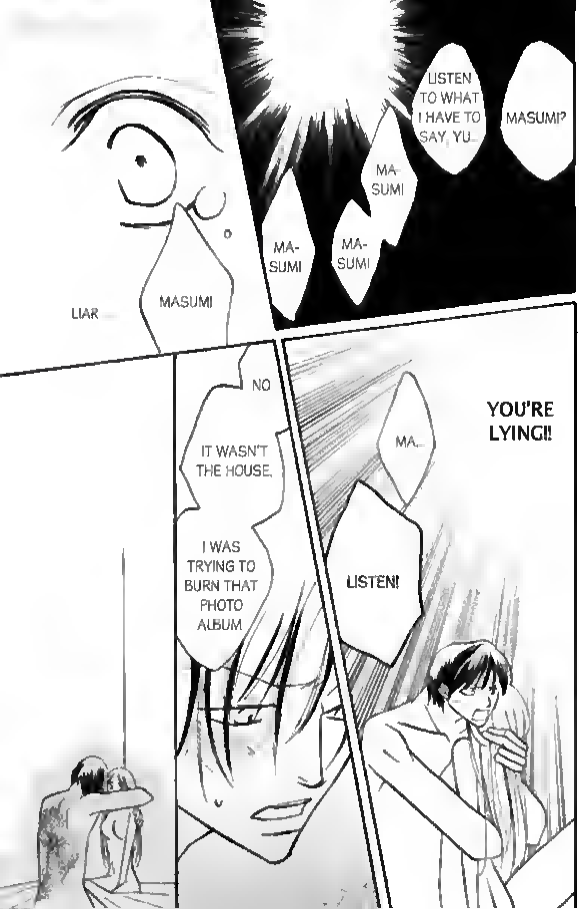
HEY
NO,
IT FEELS WARM
HMM
A BURN SCAR
A BURN SCAR?
YOU HAVE A BURN SCAR ON YOUR BACK, MASUMI
HUH?
NO, OF COURSE NOT
HOW COME...?
IS IT GROSS?
THAT
I GOT BURNED A LITTLE WHEN I WAS A KID

YURINO?
A BURN SCAR?
FWIP
PSST
YURINO?
YEAH,
ON THAT DAY, THERE WAS SMOKE CURLING UP FROM THE ROOF...

YURINO?
I SAW THE BACK OF THAT PERSON NO SHIRT
SOME ONE S SHADOW
BUT ONLY DAD WAS ALLOWED TO GO IN THERE
DAD'S LIBRARY...
OUR HOUSE SET ON FIRE...
I SAW IT
HUH?
TURNING FLAMES
AND RIGHT AFTER THAT
I COULD SEE HIS BACK
IT WAS COVERED WITH A BURN SCAR.
THE FLAMES BLAZED UP.

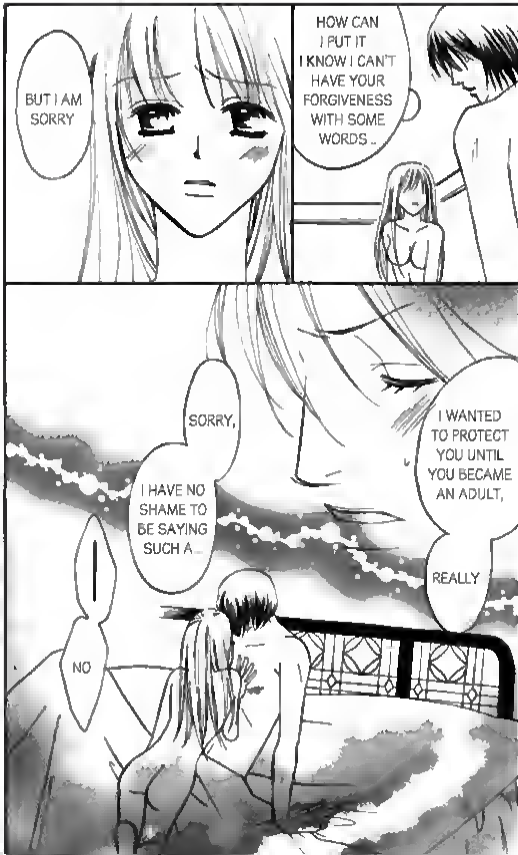

MASUMI?

I STARTED THE FIRE.
DO YOU UNDER-STAND?
BUT, I WASN'T TRYING TO SET THE HOUSE ON FIRE
MASUMI


LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY, YU...
MASUMI?
MA-SUMI
MA-SUMI
MA-SUMI
LIAR
MASUMI
NO
IT WASN'T THE HOUSE.
I WAS TRYING TO BURN THAT PHOTO ALBUM.
MA...
YOU'RE LYING!!
LISTEN!

MOM, HELP ME!
MY SWEET UTTLE YURINO
DAD, STOP!
YURINO... YOUR DAD ONLY NEEDS YOU..!
DAD HELD ME AS IF I WERE HIS DOLL,
AND MOM SHOOK OFF HER HAND AWAY FROM ME, INSTEAD OF HOLDING ME.
DID YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
THIS WILL ONLY SOUND LIKE AN EXCUSE
BUT I NEVER MEANT TO BURN DOWN YOUR HOUSE.
I WASN T ABLE TO PROTECT YOU WHEN YOU WERE A LITTLE GIRL.
I THOUGHT AT LEAST I'D BURN THOSE PICTURES FOR YOU
I KNOW

...THAT'S WHY I SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN WITH YOU.
MA-SUMI
I'LL GO TO THE POLICE TOMORROW
HUH?
YOU KNOW HOW YOU'RE GONNA TURN 20 IN 2 DAYS?
IT JUST SO HAPPENS THAT THE STATUE OF LIMITATIONS ENDS ON THAT DAY.
SO I SHOULD GO BEFORE IT...


BUT I AM SORRY
HOW CAN I PUT IT I KNOW I CAN'T HAVE YOUR FORGIVENESS WITH SOME WORDS ..
I WANTED TO PROTECT YOU UNTIL YOU BECAME AN ADULT,
REALLY
SORRY,
I HAVE NO SHAME TO BE SAYING SUCH A ..
NO

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN HAPPY BECAUSE I MET YOU, MASUMI
DON'T YOU BLAME ME?
WHY WOULD I?
I NEVER HAD ANY WHERE TO RUN TO
BUT THE TIMES I SPENT WITH YOU HAS BEEN MY ONLY HAPPINESS
PLEASE,
YURINO

DON'T GO

I CAN'T
WHY NOT?
BUT IF YOU JUST SIT STILL AND DO NOTHING FOR 2 MORE DAYS, THE PROBLEM ENDS!
YOU JUST NEED TO KEEP QUIET
STAY WITH ME
DON'T GO ANY-WHERE.
THANKS..
FOR FORGIVING ME.
I SHOULD'VE ATONED FOR MY SINS MUCH SOONER
IF YOU WANT TO BE ATONED, STAY WITH ME
YURINO

I LOVE YOU.

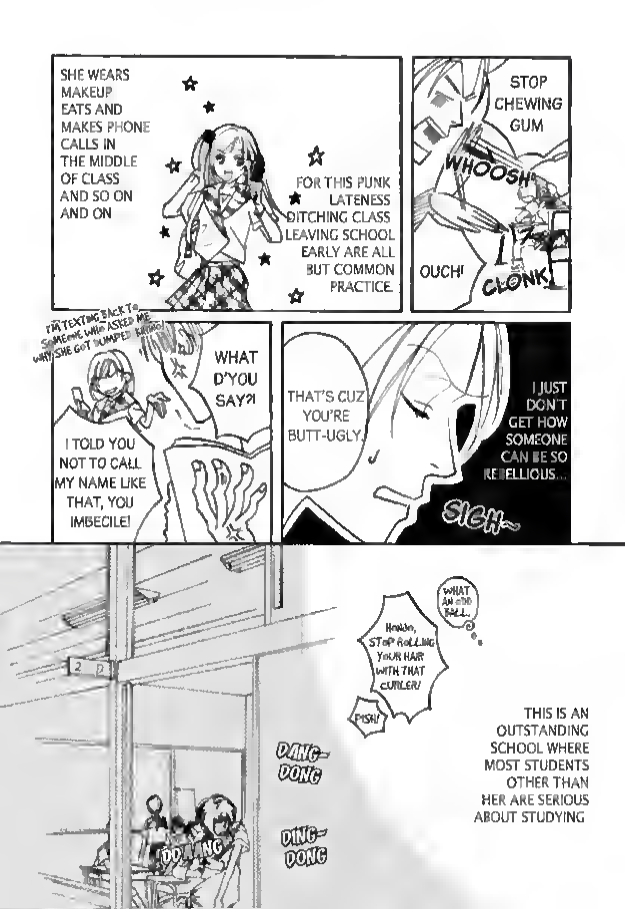
END

# SUMMER TIME PUPPY LOVE

AS LOVELY AS FLOWERS
I BOUGHT THESE BADASS BIKINIS~
YAY!
CHECK THESE OUT!
I USED TO THINK
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WERE
TA-
DA!

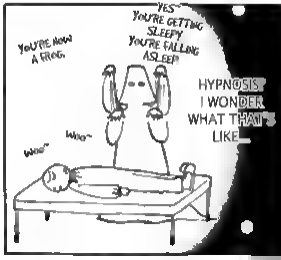
WELL, AT LEAST UNTIL I STARTED THIS JOB
SHEESH,
KIRINO, YOU'RE HURTING MY EARS!
RYOKO HONJO!
IT'S YOU AGAIN?!
COVER YOURSELF THIS SECOND!!

HONJO!!
HUH -?
YOU'D BETTER REMOVE THOSE HEADPHONES IMMEDIATELY!
SHE ESW
YOU'RE NOT EVEN A MAN TO THESE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS IF YOU'RE A TEACHER
NOW, TURN TO PAGE 118 OF YOUR TEXT BOOK
TURN OFF YOUR CELL PHONE, TOO!
BUT I DON'T LIKE CLASSIC LITERATURE.
SHE'S NOTHING CLOSE TO A LOVELY FLOWER
RATHER SHE'S A RAFLESSIA A BIZARRE FLOWER THAT GIVES OFF THE VILE SMELL OF ROTTING MEAT IN ITS 2 METER RADIUS
HA-
TO TALK ABOUT THIS DELINQUENT RYOKO HONJO
SHOOF
QUIET!
ADDRESS ME MR. KIRINO!!
YIKES
GIVE IT BACK, KIRINO!
WHOOSH


SHE WEARS MAKEUP EATS AND MAKES PHONE CALLS IN THE MIDDLE OF CLASS AND SO ON AND ON
FOR THIS PUNK LATENESS DITCHING CLASS LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY ARE ALL BUT COMMON PRACTICE.
STOP CHEWING GUM
WHOOSH
OUCH!
CLONK
I'M TEXTING BACK TO SOMEONE WHO ASKED ME WHY SHE GOT BUMPED!
WHAT D'YOU SAY?!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO CALL MY NAME LIKE THAT, YOU IMBECILE!
THAT'S CUZ YOU'RE BUTT-UGLY.
I JUST DON'T GET HOW SOMEONE CAN BE SO REBELLIOUS...
SIGH~
WHAT AM I SO TIRED...
Hmhm, STOP ROLLING YOUR HAIR WITH THAT CURLER!
PISH!
DANG~ DONG
DING~ DONG
DO~ING
THIS IS AN OUTSTANDING SCHOOL WHERE MOST STUDENTS OTHER THAN HER ARE SERIOUS ABOUT STUDYING

HOW CAN I DESCRIBE HER... AN ODD BALL OR
HAHA...
THAT GIRL HONJO ISN'T SHE UNIQUE?
古典
MS KINOSHITA... YOU'RE VERY UNDER-STANDING
I'D SAY THAT MONSTER'S A LITTLE TOO HONEST TO HERSELF.
OH, MY...
SHE DOES HAVE PROBLEMS, BUT I THINK SHE'S THE KIND OF PERSON WHO SPEAKS HER MIND AND IS HONEST TO HERSELF
BY THE WAY MR. KIRINO
IS THAT WACKO?
RE... REALLY?
I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SO WELL-BEHAVED...
THAT I BECOME ENVIOUS WHEN I SEE KIDS LIKE HONJO

IT'S IN AMONG THE STUDENTS THESE DAYS
IT'S NEW TO ME TOO BUT SUPPOSEDLY
NO WHAT IS IT?
HAVE YOU HEARD OF HYPNOTHERAPY ?
本
BOOK
24時
HYPNOSIS, HUH...
PEOPLE THESE DAYS...
IT'S SUPPOSED TO TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR CHILDHOOD
AND FIND YOUR PROBLEMS BY DIGGING INTO YOUR PAST LIFE
OH, OH. MAYBE...
I READ ABOUT IT IN THE WOMEN'S WEEKLY'S SPECIAL FEATURE ARTICLE
IT HELPS PEOPLE LOSE WEIGHT?
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?
WHY WON'T THEY JUST STOP EATING IF THEY WANNA LOSE WEIGHT?
I REALLY DON'T GET THESE KIDS.
WHAT THE HELL IS THAT


YES-
YOU'RE GETTING SLEEPY
YOU'RE FALLING ASLEEP
YOU'RE NOW A FROG.
HYPNOSIS
I WONDER WHAT THAT'S LIKE
¥10,000
10,000 YEN PER HOUR
THAT'S STEEP
BUT YEAH THE HOSPITAL THOSE RASCALS FREQUENT IS SUPPOSED TO BE ONLY 2,000 YEN

TAKE CARE, KIDS--
BYE, MR. KIRINO

WELL, IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS
DING DONG
BESIDES IT'S NOT LIKE I'M ON A DIET
DANG DONG
DANG
OKAY, SHALL I GET GOING, TOO?
MR. KIRINO.

IT'S RYOKO!!
HUH?
UM..
AND UM...
WHAT?
RYOKO'S BEEN ACTING A LITTLE WEIRD EVER SINCE.
SHE'S WEIRD WE ALL WENT TO GET HYPNOTHERAPY AND..
WEIRD? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING ESPECIALLY
MR. KIRINO?

LET'S GO, C'MON--
SHE IS WEIRD
RIGHT?
WE THINK SHE'S STILL UNDER HYPNOSIS OR SOMETHING!
HA! STOP RIGHT THERE, YOU LITTLE BRATS!!
?
OKAY, THEN WE'RE DONE HERE!
PLEASE TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER!

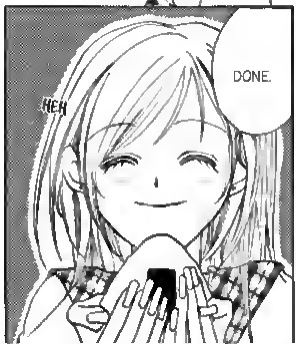
LET'S GO, NII CHAN
WHOOSH
WHOOSH
UHM THIS LOOKS PRETTY MUCH LIKE...
THIS IS WHAT THEY CALL HYPNOTHERAPY?
CREEPED OUT
THE HECK IS THIS?!
NII CHAN?
MAYBE AT THAT HYPNOTHERAPY SHE WENT THROUGH AGE REGRESSION,
AND WENT BACK TO HER KINDERGARTEN DAYS...
OR SOMETHING.

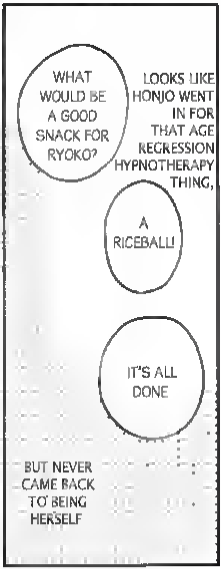
HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW?
...HONJO...
THAT'S FREAKY I'M SCARED
NO WAY...
5.

TREMBLE
WHAT A SHITTY DAY—
YOU HAVE A TINY PLACE, NII-CHAN
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE THIS HYPNOTHERAPY PLACE IS—
SIGH...
WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE ME?
AND WHY DOESN'T ANYONE PICK UP THE PHONE AT THIS WEIRDO'S PLACE?
TOMORROW I'D BETTER ASK MS KINOSHITA WHERE THIS CLINIC IS
MAN—
HUH?
DON'T TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTHES IN HERE, HONJO!

SORRY SORRY, RYOKO
OH!
MY NAME ISN'T HONJO
SO UNBELIEVABLE
CAN YOU HURRY UP AND PUT ON YOUR CLOTHES BACK ON

NII-CHAN
WHAT THE HELL AM I DOING?

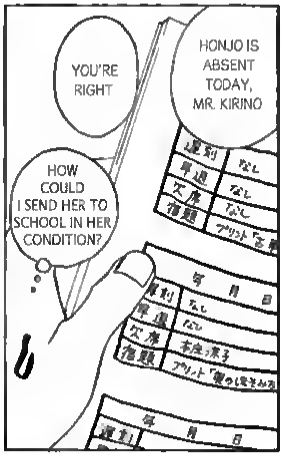

DONE.
HEH


WHAT WOULD BE A GOOD SNACK FOR RYOKO?
LOOKS LIKE HONJO WENT IN FOR THAT AGE REGRESSION HYPNOTHERAPY THING,
A RICEBALL!
IT'S ALL DONE
BUT NEVER CAME BACK TO BEING HERSELF

THE GIRL ACTUALLY HAS A CUTE SIDE.
HOW SHOULD I PUT THIS
TAP
TAP
SQUISH
HUH?
FROM TV, JUST NOW
WHERE DID YOU LEARN TO TALK LIKE THAT?!
HONEY, THERE'S A PIECE OF RICE ON YOUR FACE
..PAD
TAK
CONVENIENCE STORE
HRN?
STOP
DRRK
NO SOAP, NII-CHAN
OKAY, OKAY! STAY RIGHT THERE I'LL GET SOME FOR YOU!
ACK

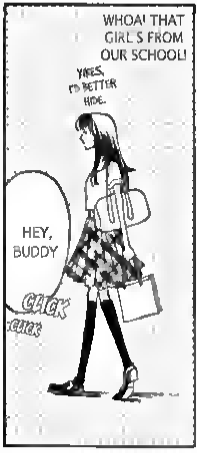
WIPED OUT
DRAINED

UM... MS KINOSHITA DO YOU KNOW WHERE THAT HYPNOTHERAPY CLINIC IS?
YES. I HAVE A FLIER WITH THEIR AD.


HONJO IS ABSENT TODAY, MR. KIRINO
YOU'RE RIGHT
HOW COULD I SEND HER TO SCHOOL IN HER CONDITION?
遅刻
なし
早退
なし
欠席
なし
指導
なし
月
日
遅刻
なし
早退
なし
欠席
本人に落ち
指導
月
日
遅刻

WHY ARE YOU GOING TO TRY IT?
I HAVE TO GET HER BACK TO HER REAL SELF AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
IT'LL KILL ME IF I DON'T.
SORRY?
AND... MAYBE WE CAN HAVE DINNER AFTER..
YES,
I'M A BIT CURIOUS ABOUT IT
SHOULD I COME WITH YOU?
DI NNER?
I'M SORRY!
THERE'S SOMEONE WAITING FOR ME AT HOME.
LET'S DO IT NEXT TIME!

HOTEL
皇帝
SALON
PINK SHELL
WHAT IS THIS?

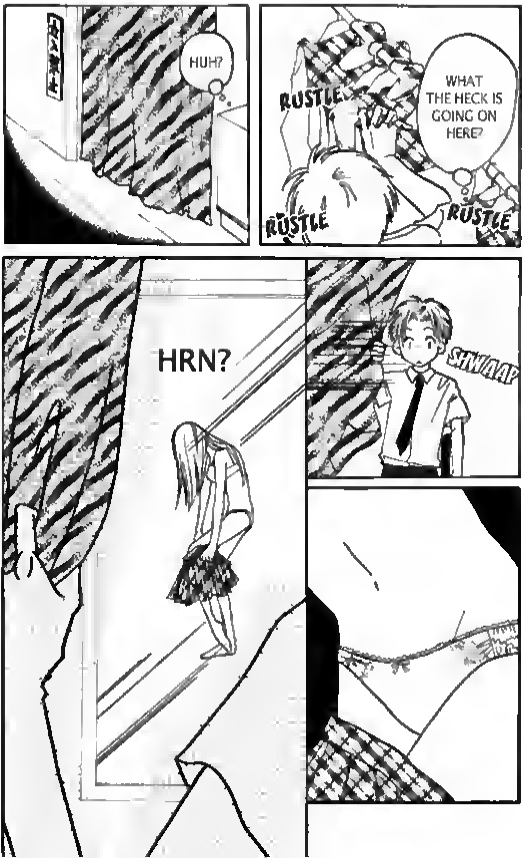

WHOA! THAT GIRL'S FROM OUR SCHOOL!
YIKES, I'D BETTER HIDE.
HEY, BUDDY
CLICK
click

HUH?

UMM... IT'S GOTTA BE AROUND HERE
THIS CLINIC IS IN THE MIDDLE OF A DRINKING DISTRICT?

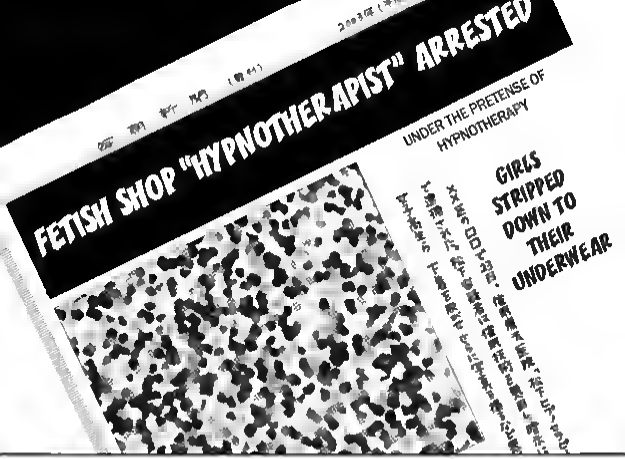
WANNA CHECK IT OUT FOR A SEC?
WE CARRY OUKA GIRLS' UNDIES AT OUR SHOP HERE.
WHAT'S WITH THIS PSYCHO?
YOU DIG CHICKS FROM OUKA HIGH?
THAT SCHOOL'S GOT A TON OF FINE GIRLS, MAN
SHHH?
YOU A HARD-CORE FAN? WE EVEN HAVE THEIR PISS
PISS?!!
OH WE GIVE YOU THEIR PICTURES TOO OF COURSE
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, THEIR UNDIES?
UNIFORMS TOO A TRUCKLOAD OF OUKA UNIFORMS
SHRRRRK
KYAHH!
WHAT? OUR OWN STUDENTS SELL TO FETISH SHOPS?
SLIP SLIP

IF YOU FEEL FUNNY ABOUT IT, I'LL LOOK
HUH?
WE GOT AN IMPRESSIVE COLLECTION HERE, YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYIN'?
DUDE, YOU GOT A GIRL YOU'RE LOOKIN' FOR?
THESE GIRLS ARE REALLY FROM OUR SCHOOL.
GOT IT GIVE ME A MINUTE.
UM... THEN... IS THERE A GIRL NAMED RYOKO HONJO..
FIRST OF ALL, OUR SCHOOL IS KNOWN AS THE EXEMPLAR SCHOOL AROUND... AND FOR THESE FREAKS TO HAVE SO MANY OF OUR UNIFORMS IS JUST...

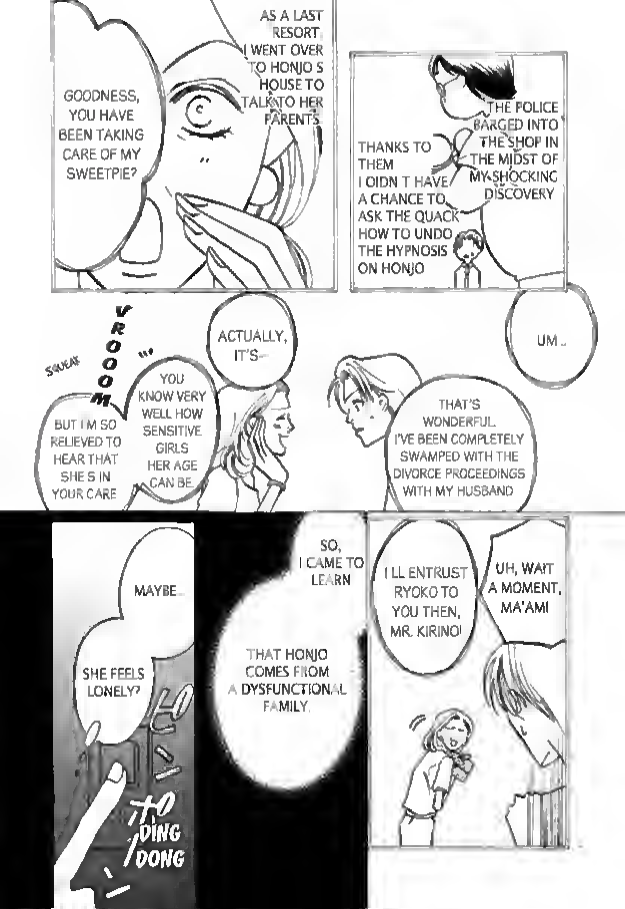

HUH?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON HERE?
HRN?
SHWAAP

HUKK
A MAGIC MIRROR?!
WHA...
WHA...
SNAP
SNAP
EXCELLENT LET'S TRY A FEW MORE SHOTS
GOOD JOB WE CAN STEP INSIDE MY OFFICE NOW
SNAP

HIS OFFICE? DON'T TELL ME HIS TREATMENT IS REALLY
WHAT? SHE'S TOTALLY OUT OF IT
SIR!
SWOON
MURAI IN CLASS F!!
SORRY?
YUP, WE HAVE RYOKO HONJO'S UNDIES RIGHT HERE!
KYAAHH--!
POWW
PHAK
YOU SON OF A..!
THIS SO-CALLED CLINIC IS A TOTAL SCAM!!


FETISH SHOP "HYPNOTHERAPIST" ARRESTED
UNDER THE PRETENSE OF HYPNOTHERAPY
GIRLS STRIPPED DOWN TO THEIR UNDERWEAR

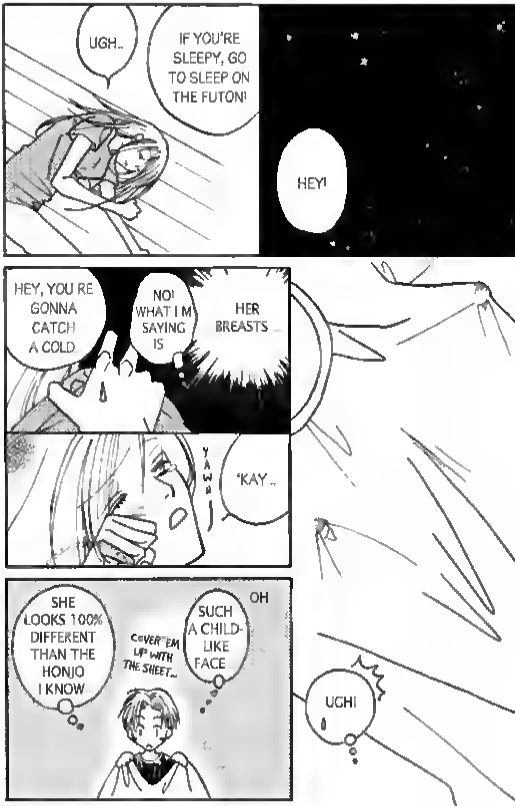
THE WHOLE BUSINESS WAS A TWISTED FETISH SHOP.
THAT HYPNOTHERAPY CLINIC WAS A TOTAL SCAM.
HA, IT'S COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS.
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THAT CLINIC, MR. KIRINO?!
OH... YES.
THIS IS REALLY AN ABSURD STORY.


AS A LAST RESORT, I WENT OVER TO HONJO'S HOUSE TO TALK TO HER PARENTS.
GOODNESS, YOU HAVE BEEN TAKING CARE OF MY SWEETPIE?
THE POLICE BARGED INTO THE SHOP IN THE MIDST OF MY SHOCKING DISCOVERY
THANKS TO THEM I OIDN'T HAVE A CHANCE TO ASK THE QUACK HOW TO UNDO THE HYPNOSIS ON HONJO
UM..
ACTUALLY, IT'S—
SWEAT
VROOOM
YOU KNOW VERY WELL HOW SENSITIVE GIRLS HER AGE CAN BE.
BUT I'M SO RELIEVED TO HEAR THAT SHE'S IN YOUR CARE
THAT'S WONDERFUL. I'VE BEEN COMPLETELY SWAMPED WITH THE DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS WITH MY HUSBAND
SO, I CAME TO LEARN
THAT HONJO COMES FROM A DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILY.
MAYBE...
SHE FEELS LONELY?
DING DONG
I'LL ENTRUST RYOKO TO YOU THEN, MR. KIRINO!
UH, WAIT A MOMENT, MA'AM!

YOU'RE BACK
THE HYPNOSIS...
MAYBE IT WOULDN'T BE SUCH A BAD THING FOR HER TO STAY THAT WAY.
SWEETIE, YOUR DINNER'S READY.
I PREPARED IT FOR YOU JUST A MOMENT AGO.
I AM BACK.
UGH

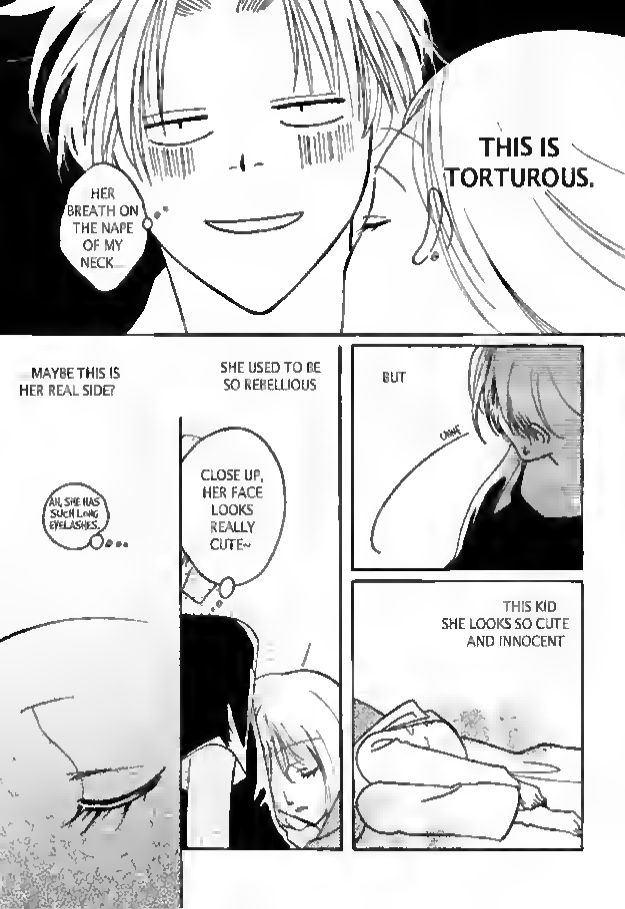
WHAT'S WRONG?
HEH
I AM A TEACHER SO I...
HUKK
NO..NO! WHAT AM I THINKING?!!
I'M A MAN.
BEFORE I'M A TEACHER.
THIS IS NOT FAIR.
ZZZ
ZZZ
ZZZ
I NEVER THOUGHT SHE HAD THIS INNOCENT SIDE TO HER...
SEEING HER SMILE AND MAKE THAT ADORABLE FACE...

HONJO'S BEEN ABSENT FOR 3 DAYS NOW.
HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING FROM HER?
OH A COLD.
YES I HEARD SHE'S CAUGHT A COLD
HOW CAN I NOT THINK SHE'S CUTE?!
MR. KIRINO,
OH MY
IT'S LONESOME WITHOUT HAVING SUCH A LIVELY GIRL AROUND
SHE ADDS NOTHING MORE THAN A NOISE.
WELL, I DO THINK SHE'S A SWEET LITTLE GIRL AT HEART
...YOU THINK VERY HIGHLY OF HER.
THAT MAKES ME JEALOUS
A BIT
PARDON?


UGH..
IF YOU'RE SLEEPY, GO TO SLEEP ON THE FUTON!
HEY!
HEY, YOU RE GONNA CATCH A COLD
NO! WHAT I M SAYING IS
HER BREASTS
YAWN
'KAY..
SHE LOOKS 100% DIFFERENT THAN THE HONJO I KNOW
COVER 'EM UP WITH THE SHEET..
OH
SUCH A CHILD-LIKE FACE
UGH!

SO, THIS ODDBALL IS BACK TO BEING A FIVE YEAR OLD ALL THANKS TO THAT QUACK
ZERRK
I FEEL LIKE THERE'S A HUGE GAP BETWEEN US NOW BUT AT THE SAME TIME I'M DRAWN TO HER
IT MAKES ME WONDER...
WHAT COULD'VE MADE HER SO REBELLIOUS?
RYOKO,
DID YOU FEEL LONELY STAYING HOME BY YOURSELF ALL DAY?
I'LL ENTRUST RYOKO TO YOU THEN MR. KIRINO!
IF ALL THIS MEANS SHE'S REALLY AN INNOCENT LITTLE KID AFTER ALL?

I'M NOT LONELY, 'CAUSE I HAVE YOU NII-CHAN
NO
HUH ?
K-
THUMP
UGH
NII-CHAN, BATH~~
STOP STRIPPING!!
OKAY! OKAY!!
CUTE!!
NO! DON'T GIVE ME THAT INNOCENT SMILE WITH THAT PAINFULLY ADORABLE FACE!
SHE'S CUTE!!
AT THIS RATE, I THINK I MIGHT EVEN JUMP HER IF HER MENTAL AGE RETURNED TO 17
CAN YOU BACK OFF A LITTLE?
NIGHTY NIGHT
HELLO?


HER BREATH ON THE NAPE OF MY NECK...
THIS IS TORTUROUS.
MAYBE THIS IS HER REAL SIDE?
AH, SHE HAS SUCH LONG EYELASHES...
SHE USED TO BE SO REBELLIOUS
CLOSE UP, HER FACE LOOKS REALLY CUTE~
BUT
CHIP
THIS KID SHE LOOKS SO CUTE AND INNOCENT

SHE SMELLS Good! Too.
N, NO THAT WAS A FATHERLY KISS
FA THERLY
EEP WHAT THE HECK AM I THINKING?
GUILTY CONSCIENCE
THOOMP

I M SUCH A JERK.
OH, I'M JUST
YOU DON'T LOOK WELL.
MR KIRINO,
MS KINOSHITA ACTUALLY
NO, I CAN'T HAVE HER STAY WITH ME ANY LONGER...
H HOW COULD I HAVE DONE THAT TO MY OWN STUDENT WHILE SHE WAS ASLEEP?
MAYBE I DON T QUALIFY TO BE A TEACHER
GLOOMY
DING DONG
DING DONG
OH.. SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED
BY THE WAY HONJO S BEEN MISSING SCHOOL FOR 4 DAYS NOW

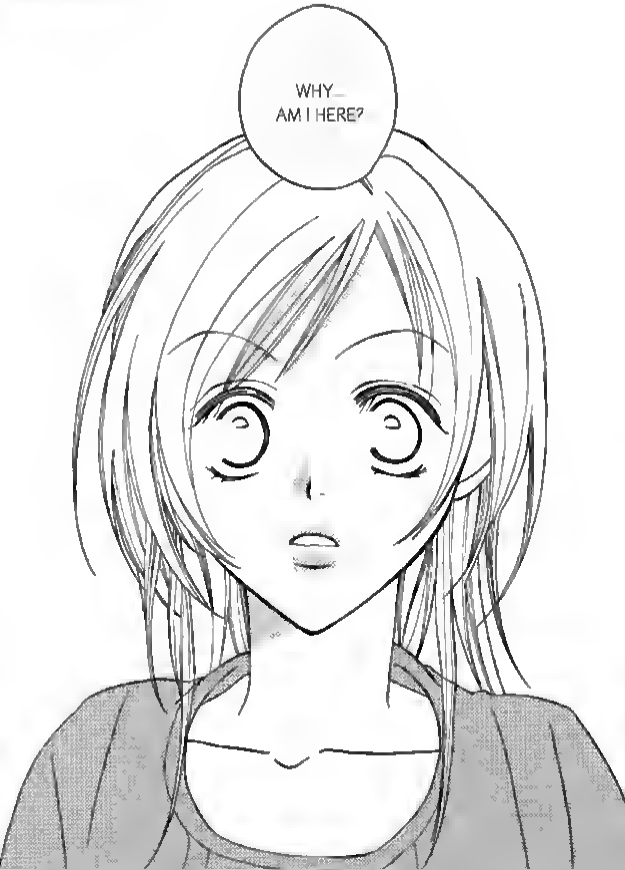
WELCOME HOME.
YEAH!
I'M BACK.
HAVE YOU BEHAVED YOURSELF?

UM—, WHO IS THAT OLD LADY?
YES... IT'S HARD FOR ME TO BELIEVE IT, TOO
SHE THINKS SHE'S A 5-YEAR-OLD?
LIAR! RYOKO MAKES BETTER RICEBALLS
YEAH, BUT I COOKED
UM. SO WHEN YOU SAID YOU HAD SOMEONE WAITING FOR YOU AT HOME LAST TIME, YOU MEANT—
OH—, I MEANT THIS KID WAS WAITING FOR ME. I HAD TO COOK FOR HER, SO
GRRR
DID SHE JUST CALL ME AN OLD LADY?
CAN YOU BACK OFF A LITTLE, RYOKO?

LOOK, HONJO.
THAT'S ENOUGH.
PBT
EXCUSE ME?
THIS IS ALL AN ACT, MR. KIRINO
HONJO WHY DON'T YOU CHANGE INTO YOUR CLOTHES ALREADY?
UM...
TELL ME YOU DIDN'T REALLY BELIEVE HER MR. KIRINO
SORRY?
YOU FOOL! CAN'T YOU SEE THAT SHE'S JUST ACTING?
RYOKO HAS NO CLOTHES SO SHE WEARS NII CHAN'S

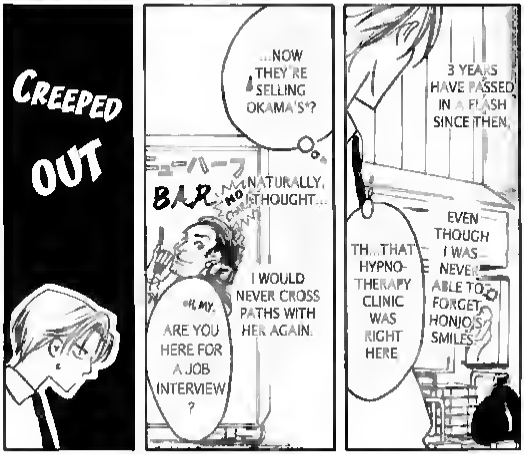
MS. KINOSHITA!
RYO... I MEAN, HONJO'S NOT THE KIND OF KID TO LIE ABOUT SUCH A THING
PUT ON YOUR CLOTHES, AND STOP BOTHERING MR. KIRINO!
I KNOW YOU'RE CARRYING ON THIS RIDICULOUS ACT BECAUSE YOU WANT TO PLAY HOOKY!
AND JUST HOW DO YOU KNOW SO WELL, MS..
THUD
KYAHH
YOU TOO, NOW? SNAP OUT OF IT, MR. KIRINO!
GRRR
YOU CAN'T LET HER JUST TRICK YOU INTO BELIEVING THIS ABSURD IDEA!
HUH?

RYOKO!
ゴン
THUD
OUCH
RYO...
HRN?


WHY—
AM I HERE?

HONJO...
CAME BACK TO HERSELF AFTER BANGING HER HEAD AGAINST A WALL
HEY, HONJO!
STOP READING THAT PORN MAGAZINE IN MY CLASS!!
GIVE IT BACK! *YOU'RE* TRYING TO READ IT, AREN'T YOU?!
I'M NOT?!!
SNAP
SEEMS LIKE SHE HAS NO RECOLLECTION OF WHAT HAPPENED WHILE SHE WAS UNDER HYPNOSIS

YOU WASTED ALL MORNING PUTTING ON MASCARA DIDN'T YOU?
YOU'RE LATE AGAIN?!
HONJO!
YIKES! BUSTED!
WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT SWEET ADORABLE KYOKO...
IT'S STILL BETTER THAN CUTTING CLASS
BUT FOR SOME REASON
WHA...?
HONJO!
YOU JUST MESS MUCH!
I GUESS
MAYBE THAT'S JUST HOW I FEEL...
MEH-
...WELL, NEVER MIND. JUST HAVE A SEAT.
I FEEL LIKE SHE'S OPENING HER HEART TO ME.

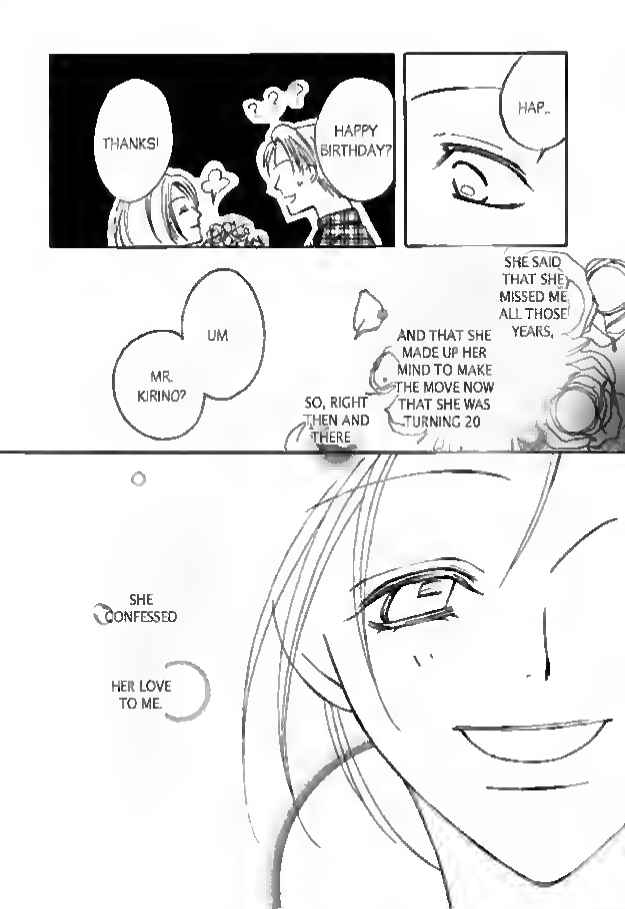

CREEPED OUT
...NOW THEY'RE SELLING OKAMA'S*?
BAR
NATURALLY, I THOUGHT...
I WOULD NEVER CROSS PATHS WITH HER AGAIN.
EXCUSE ME, MY. ARE YOU HERE FOR A JOB INTERVIEW?
3 YEARS HAVE PASSED IN A FLASH SINCE THEN.
EVEN THOUGH I WAS NEVER ABLE TO FORGET HONJO'S SMILE...
TH...THAT HYPNO-THERAPY CLINIC WAS RIGHT HERE

* OKAMA: A HOMOSEXUAL MAN OR DRAG QUEEN

I'M NOT AN OKA...
WHIRL
I THOUGHT I'D NEVER GET TO BUMP INTO HER AGAIN
MR KIRINO.

HON...
HONJO~~?!

UH...
RUSTLE
BUT THIS UNEXPECTED REUNION BROUGHT BACK THE HONJO WITH HER OLD SWEET SMILE.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
I KNOW I'M TURNING 20 TODAY
TODAY'S NOT MY BIRTHDAY
HA?
TODAY'S MY BIRTHDAY
HEY, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GIVE ME A BUNCH OF FLOWERS!


THANKS!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY?
HAP..
UM
MR. KIRINO?
SO, RIGHT THEN AND THERE
AND THAT SHE MADE UP HER MIND TO MAKE THE MOVE NOW THAT SHE WAS TURNING 20
SHE SAID THAT SHE MISSED ME ALL THOSE YEARS,
SHE CONFESSED
HER LOVE TO ME.

SO...
I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE REMINISCING THE PAST
BUT I MADE IT TO ALL YOUR CLASSES.
WELL, MAYBE I CAN SAY I'VE GONE BACK TO MY INNOCENT, LITTLE GIRL DAYS?
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING.
...BUT YOU WERE SO REBELLIOUS TO ME.
OH NO I'M TOO ECSTATIC
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
AHH I'M SUCH A.
YOU'RE STILL SUCH A MEANIE

HOW CAN YOU TELL ME ALL THESE THINGS WITH THAT KIND OF FACE?
I THINK I'M GOING TO LIKE THE SUMMER EVEN MORE.
END